

CDA EcoRA Work Group Teleconference January 18, 2000; 9:00 - 9:30 AM

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Anne Dailey, EPA
Brad Frazier, USFWS
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Very Sad News - It is with great sadness that I write the devastating news that Don Heinle, Aquatic Risk Assessor with CH2M Hill, passed away on January 17th after suffering a major heart attack on January 13th. Don had incredible critical thinking skills, a fantastic memory for details, a quick wit and was key to development of the Coeur d'Alene Ecological Risk Assessment. He will be sorely missed on this project as well as the many other projects in which he was involved. In recognition of Don's tremendous contribution to the Coeur d'Alene Ecological Risk Assessment, EPA intends to dedicate the Final CDA Ecological Risk Assessment to Don's memory. Please keep Don's wife Jeanne and their family in your thoughts and prayers. (See below for text from CH2M Hill message regarding Don's passage.)

Spokane River Evaluation - We had planned to have discussion on this call regarding the Spokane River Risk Assessment prepared by Matt Kadlec for the Washington Department of Ecology. Don Heinle, John Roland, and Anne Dailey had a previous conversation regarding integration of this report into the Final CDA EcoRA. Given Don's untimely passing, this conversation is deferred until later.

EcoRA Schedule - Given the above news, the EcoRA schedule will slip. I will keep you posted on this as we establish a revised schedule.

Draft EcoRA Tech Memo 1 - Hard copies of Draft EcoRA Tech Memo 1 (Evaluation of Secondary Effects of Mining-related Hazardous Substances on Physical and Biological Ecosystem Characteristics) will be mailed for review to the EcoRA mailing list late next week. This Tech Memo addresses the physical and biological effects of the mining-related hazardous substances. Comments on this will be due to EPA no later than February 16, 2001. The revised tech memo will be included in the Final EcoRA.

Update on the Soil/Sediment Amendment Study -

- There will be another soil amendment conference call on 1/19. Due to complications

with the timing of IDEQ's field application of the amendment, EPA is proposing that the laboratory waterfowl feeding study time line be staggered with the IDEQ field test. This will be further discussed on the upcoming conference call and reported during the next EcoRA conference call.

- IDEQ has revised the field test sites to now include Black Rock Slough and Bull Run Lake.

- Providing that we get consensus on the revised plan during the 1/19 conference call, the plan is for USFWS to collect the soil/sediment samples in mid-February for shipment to the Patuxent Laboratory. Rapid turn around chemical analyses would be performed on the soil/sediment samples to verify the lead concentration. In early March the amendment would be mixed into the sediment samples in the laboratory. The amendment would then have a until September 2001 to react with the metals in the soil.

***Late update on 1/19/01 - IDEQ is now with renewed effort trying to apply the soil amendment this winter....stay tuned....

USFWS Wetland Coverage -

- Dan Audet noted that the USFWS completed the wetland coverages for the entire SFCDA and CDA River basins. Riparian coverages are about 90% complete and are missing some information along some of the tributaries. This information has been sent to URS/CH. Contact Mark Snyder, USFWS, if you have questions regarding this information.

Next Teleconference -

- The next EcoRA will be February 1, 2001 at 9 AM PST.
- The call-in number is 206-553-4557 (no pass code).

> Message text dated 1/18/01 from CH2M Hill regarding Don Heinle:

> It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that our friend and colleague,
> Don Heinle, passed away last evening at 11:40 p.m. The caring and concern
> of the CH2M HILL family and many of our clients presses home the extent of
> Don's influence over his long and successful career.

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> The family has not yet decided on final arrangements, but will let us know
> as soon as they have decided. I, in turn, will let you know.

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> The family has asked that any remembrances be made to one of the following
> organizations:

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> Planned Parenthood of King Co.

> 1420 156th NE

> Bellevue, WA 98007

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> United Way of King County
> 13010 NE 20th, Suite B
> Bellevue, WA 98005-2034
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> Coalition for Charitable Choice
> 1122 East Pike Street, #1057
> Seattle, WA 98122-3934
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> Jean Heinle's home address: 10630 181th NE, Redmond, WA 98052